

**Committee Request for Board Action: None**

**29 attendees, representing 18 member agencies.**

**COVID-19 updates and attendee roundtable**

Updates and announcements:

- o [CalWARN](#) Mutual Aid: Check website to ensure your agency is enrolled and update agency contacts, if needed.
- o Regional Water Board has suspended inspections/ audits through the end of June (at least)
- o State Water Board message on [compliance](#) with Water Board Requirements during this emergency
- o State Water Board [press release](#) for the public not to flush wipes.
- o BAPPG made wipes the focus of its spring campaign - a Central San [video](#) promoted through the campaign has tens of thousands of views to date.
- o SmartCover relief [offer](#): 3-5 units with no fees for up to 6 months
- o Several CWEA Webinars have focused on collection systems operations during COVID-19. The webinar [recordings](#) are available on YouTube.
- o Other COVID-19 Resources pages for water/wastewater: [CWEA](#), [CASA](#), [WEF](#), [CDC](#).

Attendee Roundtable

- o Discussion was mostly focused on operational changes: staggered shifts and work schedules (A/B teams that don't interact and work one week on/one week off), no carpooling to job sites, no in-person staff meetings, installing wash stations outside all buildings and trailers. However, one agency noted that all employees are essential and, with some modifications (staggered shifts, PPE, social distancing) all Public Works personnel are 'essential workers' and expected to work.
- o Many noted that there have been some struggles to prioritize and define what 'immediately necessary' work means when referring to essential infrastructure
- o Many agencies are offering additional 14-day sick time
- o Attendees also mentioned shortages of PPE and there was a good discussion on the kind of PPE workers are using now
- o Many agencies noted that wipes have become an even more serious issue than it was. This has been challenging – there have been more blockages and more maintenance work is needed but at the same time there have been fewer people in the field because of the one week on/ one week off scheduling.
- o One agency noted that they increased all preventive maintenance and 'hot-spot' checks due to wipes and FOG. In one instance, an 18" interceptor was completely blocked and it took crews 3 days to clear.
- o Attendees were also concerned of possible revenue losses during this crisis (and through the recovery). Many fees are from businesses (such as restaurants) which are struggling during this time.

**SSS WDR Update**

No updates at this time. The schedule has been delayed. Possible draft document for stakeholders review to be released in the summer, public draft in fall, public hearings/ adoption in early 2021.

**Announcements and Upcoming Trainings**

- The Santa Clara Valley Section of CWEA is planning an online O&M training session for June 9. Details TBA.
- CWEA posted a save-the-date announcement for a Sewer Exfiltration Webinar on June 4. Details TBA.

**Next Collection System Committee Meeting**

Our next committee meeting will be held on June 25.